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1. IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS PRIOR TO OCTOBER 29 POLADS MISOFF EXCHANGED INSTRUCTIONS WITH FRENCH AND UK REPS. FRENCH POSITION, AS REPORTED REF D, WAS IN ACCORD WITH U.S. INSTRUCTIONS (REF C). HOWEVER, FRENCH REP SAID PARIS PREFERRED THAT COORDINATION AMONG U.S.

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UK AND FRANCE SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT NATO HQS. RATHER THAN BONN. IN ANY EVENT, UK REP WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MEETING AND THE THREE AGREED TO DEFER COMMENT IN POLADS ON THE ISSUE UNTIL COORDINATION WAS ACHIEVED.

2. AT OCTOBER 29 POLADS, ELGIAN REP REPORTED THAT BRUESSELS HAS NOW AGREED TO EXCHANGE ATTACHES WITH THE GDR. NETHERLANDS REP SAID THE HAGUE TOO WAS APPROACHED BY THE GDR BUT REFUSED THE EXCHANGE OFFER PRIMARILY ON THE BASIS THAT THE NETHERLANDS ONLY SENDS CONFIDENTIAL

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MILITARY ATTACHES TO A HANDFUL OF DIPLOMATIC POSTS. ON A PERSONAL BASIS, NETHERLANDS REP SCOLDED BELGIAN FOR ACCEDING TO THE EAST GERMAN REQUEST WITHOUT ALLIED COORDINATION AND FOR TAKING WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS A CASUAL ATTITUDE TOWARD A SERIOUS

PROBLEM. TURKISH REP REPORTED THE GDR EMBASSY IN ANKARA OPENED AS OF JUNE 1974 BUT AS YET THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN BERLIN HAS NOT OPENED AND THE ISSUE OF EXCHANGE OF ATTACHES HAS NOT ARISEN.

3. BECAUSE MANY ALLIED DELEGATIONS WHO SIT ON POLADS COMMITTEE ALSO ARE INVOLVED IN THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3-9, POLADS DECIDED THAT COMMITTEE WOULD NOT MEET DURING THAT WEEK. CHAIRMAN THEREFORE ASKED DANISH REP WHETHER COPENHAGEN COULD WAIT A FORTNIGHT FOR RESULTS OF FULL INSTRUCTED EXCHANGE AMONG POLADS ON SUBJECT OF EXCHANGE OF ATTACHES WITH THE GDR. DANISH REP SAID COPENHAGEN WOULD HOLD THIS MATTER OPEN ANOTHER TWO WEEKS.

4. UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION IN REFS A AND B, MISSION OFFICER CONTACTED UK REP, WHO SAID HE HAS INFORMATION SIMILAR TO THAT IN REF B BUT DOES NOT YET HAVE LONDON'S PERMISSION TO USE IT HERE. HE EXPECTS TO HEAR FROM LDNDON EARLY NEXT WEEK. U.S., UK AND FRENCH REPS AGREED THAT AS SOON AS ALL IS IN ORDER, DELEGATION WHOSE MAN IN BONN IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BONN GROUP WOULD CIRCULATE A PAPER TO POLADS SETTING FORTH OUTLINE OF OUR POSITION AND REASONING. THUS ALLIES WOULD BE ON NOTICE AT LEAST A WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE NEXT POLADS MEETINGS OF OUTCOME OF BONN DISCUSSION.

5. MISSION HAS NOT YET SUCCEEDED IN DISCUSSING ATTACHE QUESTION WITH FRG POLADS REP, AND WILL DO SO WHEN POSSIBLE.

6. FOR BONN: WHO WILL BE IN THE CHAIR DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3-9?
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